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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho -Cloudy with probably showers.

AMERICAN HARDWOODS.

The rapid consumption of American hardwoods is causing the timber dealers of the United States to turn their attention to the supplies of adjoining countries. The mesquite of Texas is beginning to find favor, several carloads having recently been shipped from the State to Michigan, where the wood is manufactured into furniture. Mexico has a pretty fair supply of this class of timber and our manufacturers would like to break in upon it, but there is a stiff export duty imposed by Mexico on unmanufactured timber which stands in the way of removed, for the Mexicans in imposing it were inspired by the double purpose of conserving their timber likely to go out of the republic in its raw state while the Mexicans are in their present frame of mind.-S. F Chronicle.

YOUNG-OLD MAN.

Czar Nicholas of all the Russias is 40 years old today. We naturally think of him as an older man than that; he has lived many years more than 40, though that is all the calendar gives him credit for. But they have been long years; they have been years fear and years teeming with terror. The throne of Russia is not a comfortable seat; its present occupant is credited by the world with a desire to improve the condition of his people; but his wish is not destined to be realized to any great extent until the people are changed; they are incapable of national improvement in their present condition.

Nicholas II was born May 18, 1868, and is the eighth ruler to represent the house of Romanoff-Holstein on the throne of Russia. He ascended on the throne November 1, 1894, upon the death of his father, Emperor Alexander III. A few weeks later he was married to Princess Alexandria Alix, daughter of Grand Duke Ludwig IV of Hesse. They have five children, four of them daughters, the youngest a son, who will be four years old next August.

PATERNAL INTEREST.

The most notable feature of the budget which Premier Asquith has presented to the British house of commons is the provision for allowances from the national treasury of a dollar and a quarter a week to persons more than 70 years old and possessing an income less than \$130 a year. This pension is not available for those who are already public dependencies and it is the estimate of the government that the pensioners will not exceed half-million in number. The pensions become effective the first of next year and will, according to the estimates, cost the government thirty millions a year. Premier Asquith explained to the house that the pensions would have imposed conditions for forfeiture and suspension and added that if the measure appeared to smack of socialism, it is a kind of socialism that both parties accept. The result of the operation of the measure will be watched with keen interest in all countries.-Missoulian.

A South Carolina paper declares that "Today the twice-defeated Bryan presents the astonishing spectacle of being unquestionably the greatest private citizen of the world." What a comfort the imagination is to the twice-defeated lining up for a third battle under more unfavorable circumstances than ever.

TO SAVE COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON INDUSTRY



EDITORIAL SALAD

If the woman Bluebeard of Indiana survived, her defense would probably be that she was insane, with a hallucination that she was running a stock-

Medals will be awarded to the Panto a successful conclusion, and they

About the time that Uncle Sam is on it to re-fertilize the earth for food ready to sail away again, look out and clothing to keep people alive. their desires, and is not likely to be for wild excitement among our Cuban wards.

Mosquitoes have been subjugated in supply and of encouraging domestic the Panama zone, and war will now manufactures. No obstacies are plan- be made by the health authorities ned in the way of its use by manufac- there on rates and mice. Our sanitary turers in Mexico, but mesquite is not representatives in outside territory have a happy knack of accomplishing no more hard coal. You may see the To Mary Lauterman:what they undertake.

> tion will begin to click June 1, 1909. It has decided to call its side show department the "Pay Streak," and is poisons the atmosphere. Then they ney or a decree will be taken against well advanced in all the preparations.

East Indian Magic.

Chandernagore, Jacolliot, gives an account of several curious performances that were displayed for his benefit by filled with trouble, years haunted with a yogi named Govinda-Swami on the sand was strewn on the ground in order to make as even a surface as possible. Jacolliot was asked to seat himself at a table upon which were a pencil and paper. The fakir carefully laid a piece of wood upon the sand and announced that whatever figures Jacolliot might draw on the paper the piece of wood would transcribe precisely upon the sand. The yogi stretched out his hand, and the wooden piece immediately copied upon the sand the most complicated and twisted figures that Jacolliot drew. When the Frenchman stopped writing the piece of wood also came to a standstill. The fakir stood at a distance against a wall, while Jacolliot held the paper and pencil in such a way that the Indian could not possibly see what he was inscribing .--Harper's Weekly.

Well Turned.

It would be a pleasant thing if all people who are plagued with short memories had the ready tact by which the composer Rossini once turned his own defect into a graceful compliment. He met at a dinner one evening Bishop, the famous English song writer, to whom he had been introduced on a previous occasion and to whom he had taken an instant liking.

"Good evening, Mr."- began Rossini cordially, extending his hand, but the name of his English acquaintance had basely deserted him for the moment.

There was scarcely a perceptible hesitation on his part, however, for instantly he began to whistle softly the opening bars of Bishop's glee, "When the Wind Blows."

The face of the "English Mozart," as Bishop was often called, lighted up with a smile of gratification, and Rossini's failure to recall his name was instantly forgiven in the tecognition of his pretty compliment.

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Dr. Chas. Steinmetz Paints a Doleful Picture of Life in the Future Without Electricity.

NEW YORK, May 20,-Dr. Chas. Steinmetz, consulting engineer of the General Electric Company ima Canal employes at the end of two Schenectady and professor of electriyears' services. There are some who cal engineering at Union College, will stick to the job until it is brought painted a doleful picture yesterday of what life will be in the world when. will be apt to form a historic organ- the coal supply has been exhausted, and when the natural fertility of the soil has been used up and when the Cuba hears with calmness that its population has highly the people of municipal and provincial elections the earth would have to look to elechave been postponed for a month. tricity for heat would have to depend

Dr. Steinmetz spoke in the hall of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers to students and friend of the New York Electrical Trade School. His subject was "The Future of Electricity."

"You who sit in this room," he said, Mary Lauterman, will see the time when there will be Seattle promises that the turnstiles worth while bringing to the people; pear and answer the complaint of the of its Alaska-Pacific-Yukon exposi- it can't last very long. And there is a plaintiff herein on or before the 4th wake up to the fact that some coal your answer on the plaintiff's attorvery great while before we must seek the complaint. for means other than coal for keeping The purpose of this suit is to ob-

is electricity. But we must have the plaintiff. terrace of his own house. Being by no power for that. With coal out of the The date of the order of publicaprecaution to prevent deception. Fine from? The solution of the problem 1908. seems to be our natural water power, of which we use so very little now."

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A former French chief justice in warm. Wood has long since been dis- tain an absolute decree of divorce carded as coal must be. What next? from the defendant on the grounds of "It seems to me that our best hope cruel and inhuman treatment towards

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